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## 1919 A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR CHURCHES

Local Baptists Report One of Most Successful Years in History.

125 MEMBERS ADDED

Christian Congregation Gave More Money Than Ever Before.

Last year was a particularly prosperous year for at least two Columbia churches which recently took an accounting of their 1919 activities at their annual business meetings. The records for the year of the Baptists and Christian churches show increased attendance, memberships and offerings.

Reports from the various departments of the First Baptist Church of Columbia presented last night at its ninety-seventh annual business meeting show that in 1919 the average attendance of the Sunday school for 1919 was 578.

"The last year has been one of the most successful years in the history of this congregation, without a doubt," said the Rev. T. W. Young in remarking upon the fine reports that were read from every department.

These reports show that during the year the church and its department organizations raised \$9,882.38 for current expenses and missions, beside subscribing \$14,007 to Stephens College, and \$2,923 more in the \$75,000,000 campaign for Baptist churches and colleges of the country.

One hundred and twenty-five new members were added to the church roll in the last year, making a total membership of 770. Judge David H. Harris, Prof. L. J. Curtis, Mrs. H. O. Severance, Mrs. J. E. Thornton and W. G. Stephenson spoke commending the work of the church and its organization.

The following officers were elected for 1920: Trustees, E. E. Vanatta, Mrs. Robert Rogers and E. C. Scott; deacons, D. H. Whitte and J. Guy McQuitty; church clerk, L. D. Haigh; treasurer, L. B. Eubank; collector, Mrs. L. B. Truitt; superintendent of Sunday school, Roy T. Davis; assistant, W. G. Stephenson; treasurer, Malcolm Perryman; secretary, Dr. Virgil Blakemore; librarian, Mrs. E. A. Collins.

The Reverend Mr. Young pointed out that the great need of the church is a new Sunday school auditorium which should be provided for, he says, in a new building adjoining the present church building.

The financial reports made at the annual meeting of the Christian Church last night were particularly gratifying to the officers of the church. One year ago the church closed its fiscal period in debt. This year there is shown a substantial balance in each of the church organizations.

The Rev. M. A. Hart says that the church has progressed materially in the last year. More money was obtained for special offerings and other movements than ever before.

Following the business meeting there was a musical program. Refreshments were served in the basement of the church.

### UNIVERSITY WOMEN "LEAP"

Five Girls Make Dates and Escort Men to Theater.

Five University girls were the first to avail themselves of the opportunities which Leap Year offers.

These girls made theater dates with five University men. They called for the men and escorted them to the Columbia Theater. The girls removed their cloaks and hats upon entering the theater but the men, acting the part of girls, did not remove theirs until the start of the performance.

After the show the girls took the men to a confectionery store where they purchased drinks, mints, and cigarettes.

### WOMEN JOURNALISTS ELECT

Miss Laura Brookman Heads Organization—Miss Keogh, Vice-President.

All women regularly enrolled in the School of Journalism met yesterday and organized the Woman's Journalism Club. Miss Laura Lou Brookman was elected president of the organization. Miss Mildred Keogh is vice-president, Miss Faye Johannes, secretary, and Miss Louisa Franklin, treasurer.

Census Questions Must Be Answered.

Do not refuse to answer questions when the census taker comes to your door. Those refusing to do so will be reported to the district superintendent. The offending persons will then be arrested and liable to fines.

Councilmen Stephens Was Present.

Because of a misinterpretation of the minutes of the city clerk, it was stated in the Missouriian Tuesday that Councilman F. F. Stephens was not present at the Monday night council meeting. Mr. Stephens was present.

### THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Occasional snow during the afternoon or tonight, probably followed by clearing weather Friday. Continued rather cold; temperatures about 16 Friday morning.

For Missouri: Probably fair northwest, snow tonight east and south portions, probably followed by clearing Friday morning. Colder southeast portion tonight; slightly warmer Friday afternoon west portion.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 24 hours will be about 10 west; 10 north; 18 east, and 20 south.

Weather Conditions. Precipitation has been general over the lower plains, lower Mississippi Valley, east Gulf States, and Ohio Valley. From Eastern New Mexico and central Texas northeast to the southern half of Missouri it was in the form of snow and varied in depths between 3 and nearly 8 inches.

The weather is colder and clearing in the upper Central Valley, but there is no severe cold within limits of our reports, save zero conditions in Minnesota.

The Old Trails route as well as most northern roads have a covering of ice and snow. The Ozark Routes are covered with several inches of snow. Rather cold weather will continue during the next 36 hours, but probably with clearing skies Friday.

Local Data. The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 35; and the lowest last night was 20. Precipitation 6.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 35 and the lowest was 14. Precipitation 0.00. Sun rose today 7:28 a. m. Sun set 5:04 p. m. Moon rises 5:44 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	20	12 noon	20
8 a. m.	21	1 p. m.	18
9 a. m.	21	2 p. m.	18
10 a. m.	21	3 p. m.	19
11 a. m.	21	4 p. m.	19

### WAR HERO TEACHING

After Getting "E" in War He's Putting Comrades in Themes Again.

After receiving the Croix de Guerre for driving his ambulance through heavy fire for two days and three nights during the American drive on the Somme front, in August, 1918, Paul M. Fulcher is now an instructor in the English department of the University.

Not only did he receive this individual citation, known as the divisional citation, but he was a member of the American Field Service, section 13, an organization made up of men from Harvard and the University of California, that received the sectional citation, which carries with it the Croix de Guerre with a palm.

After taking the examinations at Harvard for his master's degree in the spring of 1917, Mr. Fulcher went to Paris, where he joined his section, which, before the United States entered the war, was known as S.S.V. 631, and was a part of the French army.

Mr. Fulcher's sectional citation came in July, 1917, when, during the Champagne offensive under General Neville, his section was cited for "conspicuous bravery under heavy enemy fire."

Mr. Fulcher saw service on the Verdun front on two different occasions, on the Champagne front, in Lorraine, St. Mihiel, the Argonne, and on the Somme-Meuse front.

THREE BOYS THANK RED CROSS Gift of Railroad Fare Saves Eastern Youngsters From Jail.

Three boys, who had started on a "bum" from their homes in Erie, Pa., at the wrong time of year arrived in Columbia yesterday morning with a nickel among them.

One of the boys had an overcoat. He tried to sell it at the J. B. Hughes second-hand store for enough money to eat once and leave town on.

After they left the store Mr. Hughes missed an air rifle belonging to his son. The boys were arrested last night at the M. K. & T. depot on charges of petty larceny.

After a night spent in the city jail they were released and given—two hours to leave town!

They went to Mrs. W. G. Stephenson, in charge of the coal office of the American Red Cross, told her about the two hours' notice they had been given and suggested that the Red Cross might "shell out" some railroad fare to match it.

Mrs. Stephenson did. The youngsters are on their way West again today.

1919 HELD BIG JOB FOR CUPID

Recorder's Report Shows 289 Marriages—County Got \$4,909 Last Year. The high cost of living did not put a damper on Cupid last year since 289 marriage licenses were issued as compared with 234 the year before. This number was shown in the annual report of John L. Henry, county recorder, filed with the Circuit Court yesterday.

A total of 4,248 documents were recorded last year. This includes 1,723 deeds, 1,192 deeds of trust, 543 soldiers' discharges, 145 patents and 151 affidavits. There were 3,787 chattel mortgages recorded and 1,761 released. Deeds of trust released numbered 1,348. The receipts of the county for 1919 were \$4,909.36.

Marriage License Issued. A marriage license was issued by the county recorder this afternoon to J. A. Nichols, over 21, and Mrs. Myrtle E. Jones, over 18, both of Columbia.

## POOR OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT IN COUNTY

Lack of Moisture and Presence of Fly Injurious, Says Anderson.

CORN CROP BETTER

But Yield Is Not Likely to Reach Government Estimate.

The prospect for a good wheat crop this year is very bad, according to W. T. Anderson of the Boone County Milling Company.

In the first place, there has been but little snow this winter, and a good wheat crop depends on a lot of snow for its start. Then, too, the presence of the Hessian fly will destroy much of this year's wheat. This is one of the most dangerous enemies of the wheat farmers. The eggs of this insect have survived the early frosts, and Mr. Anderson estimates that this pest will cut the wheat production of Boone County to one-half the amount of last year.

This scarcity will also put the price still higher. Wheat is now selling at \$2.71, which is 51 cents higher than the government price, and flour in Minneapolis is now quoted at \$15.35 a barrel. Spring will see it selling at a still higher price, Mr. Anderson believes.

The corn outlook is much better, but the production will not come up to the government estimate, which fails to take into consideration the acreage lost by the overflow of rivers. Thousands of acres are lost in this way each year. The production in Boone County will average thirty bushels and is of good quality.

Corn in this territory is not being shipped. It is being bought and sold among the farmers, who use it for feed. Mr. Anderson believes that corn has reached its limit in price, and says that by May it will be back to \$1.60 or \$1.65.

### REDS TAKE TAGENROG

Forces Capture British Military Supplies and Cut Off Deniken Forces.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The red forces have occupied Tegenrog on the Gulf by that name, according to an official wireless received here today. The soviet forces have captured enormous booty and claim more than 4,000 prisoners.

Military supplies have been taken, including much British heavy artillery, tanks, armored trucks, stores of munition and 220 guns, the communists said.

The Bolsheviks now have reached the coast on the east and west. A dispatch from Copenhagen says the soviet representative there claims that now the Bolshevik forces have completely cut off Deniken forces.

BRICK COMPANY GETS \$3,908.49

Circuit Court Grants Decision by Default to Moberly Concern.

Judgment by default was granted the Moberly Paving Brick Company this morning in the Boone County Circuit Court, in a suit on account alleged to have been owed by George W. Barkwell. The judgment amounted to \$3,908.49 with interest at 6 per cent.

A suit for damages for injuries received in a fist fight was also settled this morning. William C. Liddell, defendant, agreed to settle by paying Russell Rogers, plaintiff, \$25. Punitive damages of \$1 were exacted by the court.

NEW GAS PLANT UNCERTAIN

Commercial Club Will Decide on Cause of Action Today.

No action has been taken by the board of directors of the Commercial Club on the proposed purchase of the gas plant, according to E. Sydney Stephens. The committee appointed to investigate the project has not made a report.

The board of directors will meet today or tomorrow to take definite action either for or against the proposition.

CONTRALTO HERE JANUARY 12

Next Concert in Phi Mu Alpha Series by Miss Tilly Koenen.

The next concert of the Phi Mu Alpha series, a recital by Miss Tilly Koenen, Dutch contralto, will be given January 12. Miss Koenen was to appear in Columbia two years ago but was unable to keep her American engagements on account of the war.

Rabbi Harrison Here Sunday.

Rabbi Leon Harrison of St. Louis will conduct the services of the Jewish Students' Congregation next Sunday evening. He will speak on "The Wandering Jew." The meeting will be held in Room D, Y.M.C.A. Building, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be open to the public.

## TREATY EFFECTIVE IN EUROPE SATURDAY

Only Nations Which Have Agreed to It Will Take Part In Ceremony.

4 P. M. IS THE HOUR

Questions of Russia and Turkey Will Be First Brought Before the Meeting.

By United Press.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Exchange of formal ratifications, placing the Treaty of Versailles in effect, will take place in the French foreign office at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, according to an official announcement today.

Only those nations which have ratified the treaty will take part in the ceremony. They are: Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala, Peru, Poland, Siam, Czechoslovakia, Uruguay and Germany.

Compromise On Flume.

By United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Premier Lloyd George and Premier Nitti have reached an agreement for settlement of the Flume question, it was reported today. The agreement, according to the report, will be submitted to Premier Clemenceau when the Allied leaders meet with him in Paris today.

British and Italian officials left here for Paris this morning.

Russia and Turkey will be the first nations to receive attention, it was intimated. Some London papers feel that a definite policy will be reached with regard to Russia because of the continued victories of the red forces. The question whether or not the kaiser will be brought to trial will also be discussed.

Lloyd George Wants Trial of Wilhelm.

Lor Berkenhead, British lord chancellor, is a member of the party. His presence is explained as necessary to determine the ultimate decision on Wilhelm, former kaiser of Germany. Lloyd George, it was said, will maintain his determined attitude that the kaiser be tried, and is preparing to put up a fight to see that a trial be brought about.

\$2,298 INTO CHARITY FUND

Goal of \$2,500 May Yet Be Reached, Says Chairman.

Lacking \$202 of reaching the goal, the annual campaign of the Columbia Charity Organization Society for funds has closed with a total of \$2,298 received or pledged, according to a report of the finance committee at the regular monthly meeting of the organization held Monday. Harold M. McPheeters, chairman of the finance committee, says subscriptions are still being received and the goal, \$2,500, may yet be reached.

The campaign began December 11 and lasted one week. The members of the finance committee, which engineered the campaign, were: Harold M. McPheeters, chairman; F. P. Miller, the Rev. T. W. Young, Frank B. Rollins and W. K. Bayless.

According to the report, \$2,184 in cash and \$114 in pledges were received. In the residence district, \$1,174.55 was subscribed by 695 persons and in the business district, \$1,123.45 by 331 subscribers.

Several large subscriptions were received by the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company holds the first place with a subscription of \$100. Two subscriptions for \$50 each and ten for \$25 each were also received.

The Charity Organization Society passed a resolution at the meeting thanking those who gave either time or money to the work.

MRS. FRANCES E. LONG DIES

Funeral Will Be Held at 10 O'clock Tomorrow.

Mrs. Frances Ellen Long died at her home at 608 North Eighth street about 11:30 o'clock last night. She was 71 years old. The cause of death was heart disease.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by the Rev. Madison A. Hart of the First Christian Church. The burial will be at Bethlehem cemetery, sixteen miles north of Columbia.

Mrs. Long is survived by three sons, Jesse M. and Turner B. of Columbia and Arch O. of Kansas City.

Short Course Men Plan Homecoming.

A homecoming of all former students in the Short Course will be one of the annual features of the Farmers' Week. After the meeting of the short course men at 2 o'clock Monday, January 19, in Room 200 of the Agricultural Building, there will be a banquet for all former Short Course men and those now enrolled in the course. Mr. Hughes who is in charge of Farmers' Week is arranging for a special program for the short course banquet.

Butter Down to Seventy Cents Now.

There has been a drop in the price of creamery butter here. It is now selling for 70 cents a pound.

### BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS BY 25

1919 Statistics Show a Decline in Birth Rate.

Columbia's birth rate is on the decline, according to records in the possession of and compiled by Dr. James M. Gordon, registrar of vital statistics for Columbia. At that, the births exceeded the deaths in 1919 by twenty-five.

To date 227 births have been reported for 1919. The registrar expects that ten or fifteen more births will be reported before he sends his report to the board of health in Jefferson City on January 10.

The year 1918 has a record of 263 births.

There were 202 deaths in Columbia and Columbia Township in 1919. At the close of the year 1918 the books of the registrar showed 241 deaths. In 1916 and 1917 the same number of deaths were recorded, 202 persons having died in Columbia each of these years.

The physicians of Columbia say that influenza was the cause of the increase in the death rate during 1918.

### 3,000 MEXICANS DEAD

Vera Cruz Center of Stricken District—Area Under Martial Law.

By RALPH H. TURNER

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 7 (night).—Full toll of Saturday's earthquake was beginning to be apparent tonight. Reliable estimates place the total of known dead at 3,000, chiefly in the state of Vera Cruz.

Several hundreds died at Puebla, according to a dispatch to El Democrat tonight. Several villages on the border of Vera Cruz and Puebla are reported to have been completely destroyed.

Martial law was declared wherever possible, and troops were sent to preserve order and help the suffering. Bandits are particularly thick in most of this area.

### U. S. TO SUE PACKERS

Anti-Trust Action Against Big Five to Be Filed Next Week.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Attorney-General Palmer plans to file anti-trust action against the big five packers Monday or Tuesday, it was learned today at the Department of Justice.

This will be Palmer's first step toward carrying out the dissolution agreement under which the packers are obliged to dissolve their connection with 100 subsidiary concerns.

The packers' representatives were to state their views as to the dissolution agreement and the necessity of legal action before the Senate agricultural committee today.

NATION-WIDE DRIVE TO START

\$400,000,000 to Be Asked For Small Colleges Throughout the Country.

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—A nation-wide drive for a \$400,000,000 fund for small colleges of the country will be made, according to R. L. Kelly, acting secretary of the Association of Small Colleges.

The plans for the drive have been approved by John D. Rockefeller and other prominent supporters of the small colleges.

The plan is to apportion the fund in \$1,000,000 lots among 400 small colleges, providing funds for increased salaries for faculty members, equipment, and endowments.

UNIVERSITY BUILDING GARAGE

Weather Retards Work on Structure, Which Will House Six Cars.

A garage costing \$2,000 will be built by the University on Fifth street just north of the Stewart road. It will be built of brick taken from the old Manual Arts Building and be one story high. The floor will be of cement and a buried tank for gasoline is planned.

The garage will be divided into three compartments, each having room for two cars or trucks. Each compartment will have special doors. Edward E. Brown, business manager of the University, said that the weather was holding up the progress of the garage at present, as it was too cold to put in the cement foundation.

Civil Engineers Wear Broad Hats.

Students in the College of Agriculture are no longer the only ones to wear queer hats. The members of the Civil Engineering Society have revived an old question and are stepping forth in broad-brimmed Stetsons. The hats are like those worn by engineers in the field and will be used after graduation in practical work. The society is composed mostly of juniors and seniors.

Student Volunteers to Meet.

The thirty-two delegates who attended the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines, Ia., will meet in the Y.M.C.A. Building in Room D at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

## "RATIFY TREATY" SAY DEMOCRATS OF 1920

National Committee Behind Acts of President in Entirety.

BRYAN BOOM IS ON

National Convention Will Go to Kansas City or San Francisco.

By HUGH BAILEY

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A resolution putting the Democratic party on record as being squarely behind President Wilson was passed unanimously today by the Democratic national committee.

In this resolution senators who opposed the ratification of the Peace Treaty, or wanted reservations which are said to "nullify" the pact, were declared to be worthy of the "contempt of the world."

The movement of William Jennings Bryan in Washington was attracting as much attention as the Democratic national committee meeting. The meeting met to name time and place for the Democratic national convention.

Bryan arrived early this morning ostensibly to make a speech tonight at the Jackson Day dinner. Many believe he will make an effort to secure the leadership of the party.

Bryan, it is said, understood that the Democrats would rather follow him and get some kind of treaty than follow the President and get no treaty.

The climax of the Bryan-Wilson situation is scheduled for tonight when Wilson's message will be read at the banquet and Bryan will make a speech. The program for the dinner tonight is Wilson's message which will be read, a letter from W. G. McAdoo, addresses by prospective candidates and Bryan's speech.

The dinner will start at 6 o'clock. The work of the committee today will be done at an open session.

The Democratic national committee today chose San Francisco as a meeting place for the Democratic national convention. When the last vote was taken it was unanimous for San Francisco.

The Democratic national convention will start June 28.

As the vote was being taken when it was seen that San Francisco had twenty-seven votes delegates who had voted for other cities changed their votes making it unanimous for San Francisco.

There were seventeen votes for Kansas City and seven for Chicago when San Francisco reached its twenty-seven.

Senator Cummins launched a plea for revival of the militant spirit of Old Hickory.

Country Wants Treaty—Any Way.

By L. C. MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The country wants a treaty and wants it bad. It does not care particularly whether there are reservations or not, according to politicians here for the meeting of the Democratic national committee and the Jackson Day dinner.

The demand for ratification is particularly strong in the Middle West and South as these sections see in the treaty a chance to return to normal prices and conditions. Col. Charles E. Higgins, St. Louis, speaking for that section, says the treaty is the uppermost thought in the minds of business men and that if the Republican party gets it into the campaign the people will show what they think of the Senate's delay in ratifying it.

The wet and dry question is dead so far as potential issues are concerned. It is generally believed.

The Democrats say they hear nowhere complaints about high taxes; although the Republicans believed the country was aroused about the question.

STARTS NURSING COURSES

Centralia and Hallsville Will Receive Red Cross Instruction.

Miss Dorothy Broffie, Red Cross nurse, has organized classes in home nursing in Centralia and Hallsville. She will meet her classes in Centralia on Monday and Hallsville on Wednesday of every week. Miss Broffie will give demonstrations in bed making, how to give proper baths to the sick, and how to dress infants, along with her lectures. The Red Cross hopes to make this a state-wide movement and to establish similar classes in all the towns of the state.

Freshman Women to Meet.

The woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. N. T. Gentry at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The members will sew for the School of the Omirka. Luncheon will be served and there will be a missionary program at 2:30 o'clock. All of the women of the church are invited to attend.

Feble-Hen Society Meets Sunday.

Poale-Zion Society will hold its regular meeting at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Room A, Y.M.C.A. Building.